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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF SPANISH BASE NEGOTIATOR AMBASSADOR

MCCLOSKEY - PROGRAM IN SPAIN

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FOR AXELROD FROM MCCLOSKEY

1. FURTHER TO OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THAT THE PURPOSE OF MY TRIP TO SPAIN IS NOT "TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND EXPOSURE TO SPANISH VIEWPOINTS" AS YOU OBSERVED TO PERINAT. I TRUST IN FURTHER CONTACTS WITH THE FONOFF THE EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT MY PURPOSE IN VISITING SPAIN IS TO CONFER WITH USG OFFICIALS AND SEE THE BASES.

2. IF, AS YOU MENTIONED IN OUR TELCON, THE GOS IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE "IMAGE" CREATED BY MY VISIT TO SPAIN ON THE HEELS OF CORTINA'S CALL HERE, WE CAN DISPENSE WITH COURTESY CALLS OR HOLD THEM TO A MINIMUM.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR RIVERO'S VIEWS.
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